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1. The Rumanians are reportedly planning a bridge across the Danube just downstream from Giurgiu. The location of the piles across the main Danube stream and the construction material on either bank above the 490 kilometer mark indicates that the bridge would cross the river diagonally.
2. The Black Sea Canal had not reached the Danube at Cernavoda by 1 June 1952. A retaining wall on the right bank of the Danube is being built at Cernavoda. It is 500 meters long and passes under the Cernavoda Bridge. Fenced-in barracks are reported on the left bank here.
3. In mid June a large Dnepr-type barge and four metal-hulled fishing vessels were being built by a shipyard upstream from Turnu Severin. In the other Turnu Severin shipyard a similar barge was being constructed and the Sovromtransport ship, ALBA IULIA, repaired. Both barges are about 70 meters long, 12 meters wide, with an estimated capacity of 1000 tons.
4. In the Braila shipyard the following activity has been observed:
 - a. Two sea-going motor-propelled mine layers finished, two more being built; these are class "DB-12", about 40 meters long.
 - b. Two Rumanian Naval vessels under repair; both are "M-1" river monitors 25-30 meters long with three 88 or 105 millimeter cannons on bow, two 37 or 40 millimeter cannons on stern. They reportedly were Austro-Hungarian property from World War I.
 - c. About 80 pontoon bridge sections are under construction.

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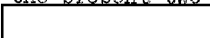
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5. The shipyard at Braila has a floating drydock, presumably electrically operated, which can lift boats 20-25 meters long.
6. In Braila are stationed Soviet pontoon motor boats, guarded by Soviet soldiers, which are used for maneuvers in which three connected pontoon boats carry one or two Soviet tanks.
7. In early June 1952 a passenger ship was observed under construction in Ruse, Bulgaria, which was believed to be similar to the present two Bulgarian passenger ships of the Georgi Dimitrov class 

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